



April 10, 2008

**WHITE OAK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY MEETING NO. 1
G+P Project # 20719**

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Location: Social Hall, East County CRC

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To review plan development and building massing and character. To review the LEED Checklist.

ATTENDANCE

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. An overview of the project history and design process/timeline was presented by Jeff Bourne of Montgomery County Recreation Department.
- B. Grimm and Parker Architects presented a powerpoint that included site analysis, LEED overview and sustainable features being considered, and concept site and building plan diagrams.
- C. J. Bourne fielded community questions after presentation and offered his email address for future contact: jeffrey.bourne@montgomerycountymd.gov. Include in Subject line: "White Oak Comments." All suggestions/comments will be included in future design process.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- D. Multipurpose Ball Field
 - 1. Ballfield is approx. 500 feet from building. Questions regarding proximity to restrooms and security were raised.

2. Department of Recreation explained that bathroom breaks are accounted for during all activities under the planning and direction of the center. Portable toilet could be used for additional activities at the multipurpose field.
- E. Access to Rec Center and Fees
 1. Access to the facility is granted for free; ID card is required. Center is open to all Montgomery County residents for low membership fees. However, additional fees are associated with some activities. Refer to schedule for more information.
- F. Existing Properties on Site
 1. Questions were raised regarding the timelines/terms of Long-Term Lease Estate and Life Estate on property.
 2. Long-Term Lease estate will expire prior to the completion of the project.
 3. Life Estate will last through the life of the occupant. This area is not being considered for development currently, however, the property not included in the stream buffer could be incorporated into additional Play Areas or programs associated with the Community Rec. Center in the future.
- G. Service Area
 1. Questions were raised regarding what geographic area is being served by the new recreation center. Concern regarding the lack of current summer youth programs for the Springbrook cluster schools was discussed and Recreation Department plans to provide services and programs for members of that community (approx. 30,000 population, 2-3 mile radius).
- H. Security on Site and in Building
 1. Project has undergone and will continue to be reviewed by Montgomery County & M-NCPPC Police and other agencies. Comments will be incorporated into design.
 2. Considerable discussion regarding crime/vandalism in area and how the recreation center and site development and presence of the facility and associated legitimate activities tend to reduce the opportunity for crimes to take place because the area is more visible. Centers generally will not exacerbate the problems (but rather help to reduce crime in area and increase legitimate traffic and possibly police traffic as well as engaging local youth in appropriate activities).
- I. Impervious Area
 1. Pervious paving is currently being considered for the project. Request was made to assure adequate SWM and possibly maximize pervious paving on site.
- J. Pedestrian Access
 1. Suggestion was made to provide pedestrian access across Paint Branch to Martin Luther Park.
 2. Suggestion was made that County Transportation Officials talk with neighboring property owners to discuss new routes for pedestrian traffic and increased security.
- K. Traffic Study
 1. A Traffic study will be conducted prior to Mandatory Referral application.
 2. Community raised issue of trash along Stewart and April Lanes – requested County Transportation Dept. provide additional trash cans near bus stops along Stewart.
- L. Crime Issues
 1. Concerns were raised about this development increasing pedestrian traffic through neighbor's properties – current crime and loitering is a major concern for neighbors. Comments will be passed on thru the Regional Government office to County Transportation Officials.
- M. Cricket
 1. A comment was made that the community had heard that there was a request for a cricket field; was it to be here? County and Parks representatives indicated no, not at this site.
- N. Playing Field
 1. A request was made to increase height of building's second floor to facilitate visual observation of the playing field.
- O. Skate Park
 1. A request was made to include a small skate spot in this development. Rec Department will consider this program as a simplified design without staffing.
- P. MCPS Community Achievement
 1. Question was raised if Rec. sports can be credit for school PE. J. Bourne explained role community

recreation centers play in community service requirements. Comment was also made that there is no nexus between MCPS and MCRD sports requirements.

Future Meetings:

To be scheduled. Venue to be determined. The community recommended that the second forum be scheduled close to the site and possibly during daytime hours/Saturday.

Attachments: None

The purpose of these minutes is to establish a clear understanding of pertinent discussions held during the meeting by those in attendance. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. Should anyone in attendance take exception to any portion of these minutes, notification must be received by Grimm + Parker Architects within 7 days after issuance. If no exceptions are taken, these minutes will stand as part of the formal project record.

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